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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request (EPA-HQ-2015-008026) – Final Disposition Letter

Dear Mr. Guillen:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act request to the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General dated June 16, 2015, seeking disclosure of "... copies of any threats received by [a former EPA regional administrator] ... or the Environmental Protection Agency since certain comments ... were publicized on Wednesday, April 25, 2012.... In addition ... copies of any such threats identified on online forums or other forums or otherwise identified by the EPA."

Documents responsive to your request are enclosed. Some redactions of information have been made to the documents pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, Sections (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(F). All redactions within the responsive documents are made pursuant to Exemption (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(F), unless otherwise noted.

Exemption (b)(6) exempts from disclosure any information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The names of individuals and other personal identifying information have been withheld pursuant to Exemption (b)(6).

Exemption (b)(7)(C) provides protection for personal information in law enforcement records the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The names of individuals, as well as personal identifying information have been withheld pursuant to Exemption (b)(7)(C).

Exemption (b)(7)(F) protects from public disclosure "records and information compiled for law enforcement purposes [if disclosure] could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual." EPA OIG is invoking Exemption 7(F) to protect information the release of which would risk the life or physical safety of individuals.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may appeal this decision to the Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Counsel, Office of

Inspector General, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Mail Code (2411T), Washington, D.C. 20460 or via email at [oig\\_foia@epa.gov](mailto:oig_foia@epa.gov). The appeal must be made in writing and must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The appeal letter and envelope should include the FOIA tracking number listed above and be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact Scott Levine, EPA OIG FOIA Officer, at (202) 566-1512 or [levine.scott@epa.gov](mailto:levine.scott@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: FOIA Office